

Kalamazoo State Hospital
Oakland Drive
Kalamazoo
Kalamazoo County
Michigan

HABS No. MI-251

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Michigan	COUNTY Kalamazoo	TOWN OR VICINITY Kalamazoo
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Kalamazoo State Hospital		HABS NO. MI-251
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Oakland Drive		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1854-1859	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Samuel Sloan, architect, Dr. Kirkbride, Hospital Consultant	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) A mid-nineteenth century mental hospital; a prime example of the Sloan-Kirkbride collaboration which created a specialized architecture for hospitals for the insane.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick		
TYPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Five parallel pavilions linked together; towers; gabled roofs		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Alterations -- late 19th century		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Sloan is credited with 32 hospitals for the insane at his death in 1884, however, only 13 are firmly documented. The Sloan-Kirkbride hospitals are known for their functional		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE requirements and attention to detail. The effects of this creation were widely influential both positively and negatively.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Dissertation, Samuel Sloan (1815-1884), Architect, Harold N. Coolidge, Jr., Clemson University, South Carolina; Institutional Care of the Insane in the U.S. and Canada, John Hopkins Press, Baltimore, 1916, Vol. III, pp. 63-66.		
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